



## **Media Release**

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### **City Council Names Interim City Manager**

TEMPLE, TX (July 17, 2014) – The City Council has named Jonathan Graham to serve as Interim City Manager effective August 29<sup>th</sup> to fill a position vacated by the retirement of David Blackburn. Mr. Graham currently holds the title of City Attorney, a position that he has held since March 1989. Mr. Graham previously served as Interim City Manager in 1990-1991 and in 2004-2005. He will relinquish his duties as City Attorney while serving as the Interim City Manager. He is a graduate of Trinity University and the University of Texas School of Law. Graham says, “I welcome the opportunity to lead the staff during this transition. Thanks to David’s leadership over the past decade, the City infrastructure, finances and staff are in great condition. I will work closely with the City Council and staff to maintain our high level of services, to complete capital improvement projects on schedule, and to create jobs and tax base in conjunction with our economic development partners, while maintaining fiscal soundness.”

To fill the position of Interim City Attorney, the City Council has named Kayla Landeros to serve effective August 29<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Landeros currently serves as a Deputy City Attorney, a position that she has held for two years. Before coming to the City, she was in private practice in Houston. She is a graduate of Texas A&M University and Baylor Law School. “I greatly appreciate the opportunity to serve as Interim City Attorney during this period of transition,” comments Landeros. “I look forward to working with the City Council, Jonathan, and all City staff in this new role.”

“The hiring of a City Manager is a lengthy process and it was the wish of the council that we have the most reliable and qualified person at the helm while this decision is made,” states

Temple Mayor Danny Dunn. “Jonathan Graham has the knowledge and experience to be the only and best choice for Interim City Manager. I have every confidence in his ability to continue with following our strategic plan and guiding Temple during the most exciting time in our history.

Kayla Landeros is an outstanding attorney that was with one of the most prestigious law firms in the state before she came home to Central Texas to raise her family. She will do a great job as Interim City Attorney and she is a rising star in our organization.”

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